



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/26/2026 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:20 PM **Departure:** 5:25 PM

CCLC-68429

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.
05/26/2026	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	101 Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	102 Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	103 Left	Infants	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	104 Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	105 Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	106 Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	107 Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 51		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Preschool Center	56	C
Main	Playground B Toddler Right	23	C
Main	Playground C Infants Left	11	C

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility carries liability insurance. The total capacity is limited to 80 by the building department.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that Classroom 104 has science materials and Classroom 102 has language materials.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that bathrooms in Classroom 102, Classroom 105, Classroom 106, and Classroom 107 exhaust fans were not functioning properly.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2026

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The overall licensed capacity is 80 children.

Comment

The program has the following capacity limitations: 80 due to building certificate of occupancy. Center capacity before limitations 83.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure to remove middle swing from all three swing sets on Playground A.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that additional ground covering such as mulch is added on Playground A around the sidewalk to prevent trip hazards and exposure to concrete edge. Please ensure that all tree stumps, wood play structure, and metal play equipment are spray painted.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that exhaust fans for Classroom 101 and Classroom 104 are functioning properly in diapering areas. Window measurement was taken and did not meet compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Consultant observed ten (10) of ten (10) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2013).

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that six (6) mattresses in classroom 101 had rips and tears.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a non-porous waterproof washable material. Provider will replace mattresses.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 2 Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

Staff # 4 Not Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 8 Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

Staff # 9 Not Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2026 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.24(1)-Education Experience Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation that staff number two (2) did not have a comprehensive satisfactory criminal records check on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained and submit criminal records check application for staff number two (2) with receiving satisfactory results before returning to the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2026

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR) Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for Playground A and Playground B. Please ensure to adhere to supervision plan in place.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.